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Marine Board Motorboat Fees



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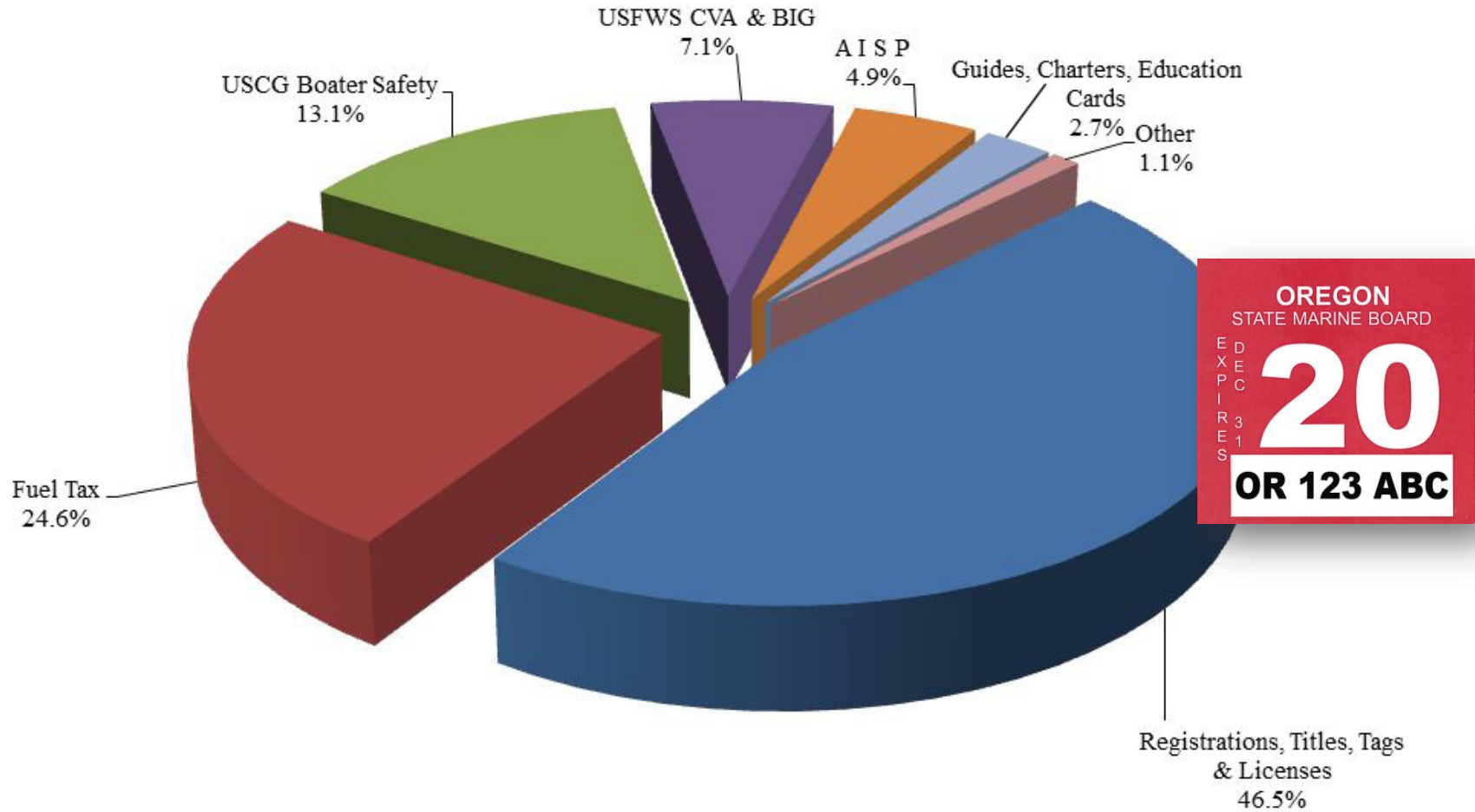
Issue:

- The Marine Board's current fee rates are not sufficient to support agency operations at the current service level.
- Costs for contracted services for marine law enforcement continue to rise.
- Costs for supplies and materials (aluminum, concrete, etc.) continue to rise.



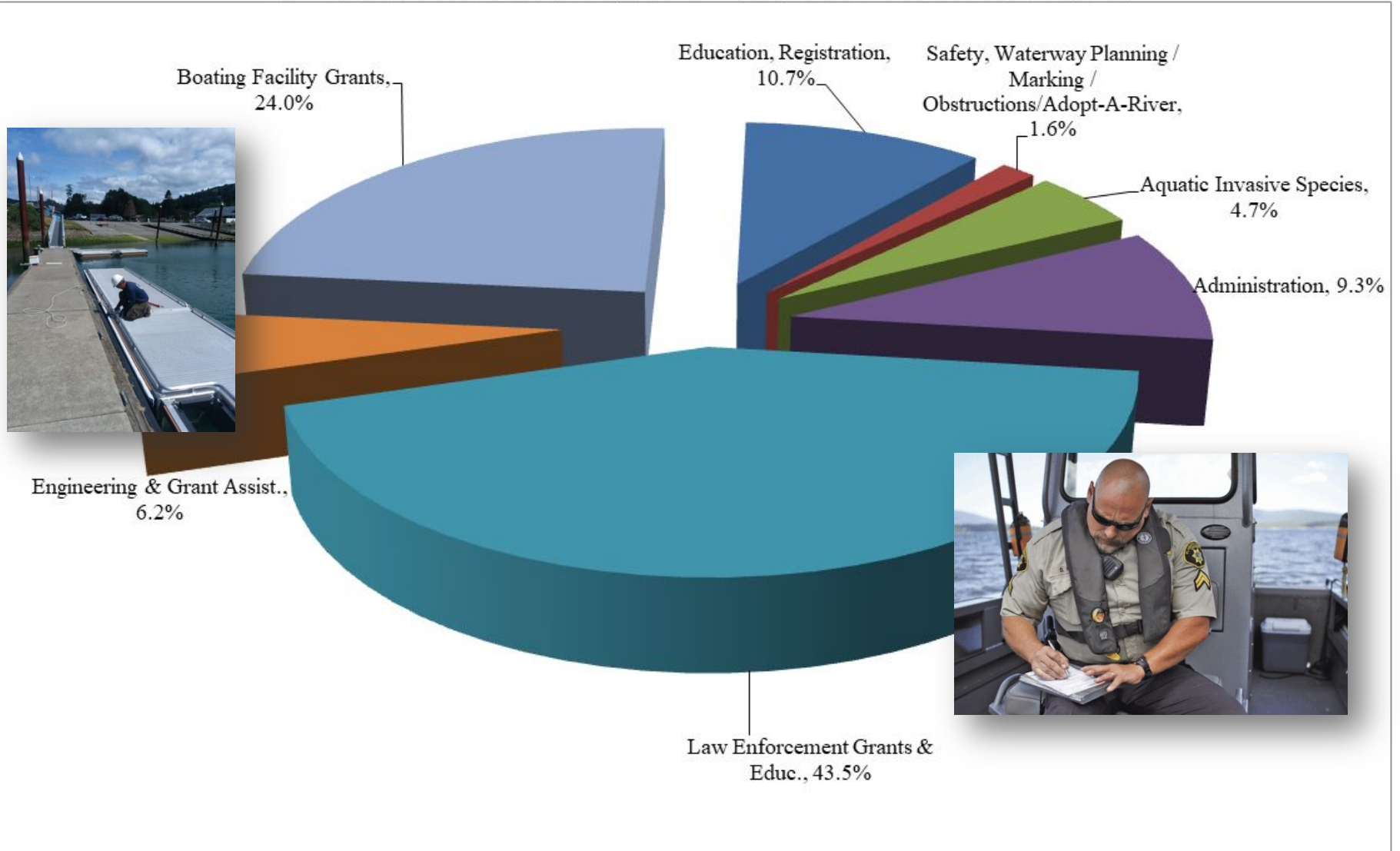
Marine Board Revenue

2017-19 MARINE BOARD REVENUES BY MAJOR SOURCE – TOTAL \$32,915,093
Excludes \$6,065,290 Beginning Balance



Marine Board Expenditures

2017-19 MARINE BOARD EXPENDITURES BY MAJOR PROGRAM



Direction from the Board

- The Marine Board approved \$1.3 million in cuts during the 2017-2019 biennium;
- And \$1.6 million in permanent reductions for the 2019-2021 biennium to minimize the impact of a fee increase to recreational boaters.



Stakeholder Engagement

- Open Houses -Held across the state, summer 2018
- Video Series- Online town hall
- Press releases/Public Notices early on in the process
- Feedback- Expectation of service for any fee increase





*Tenmile Lakes
Dock
Installation*

Facilities Examples



The logo for the Oregon State Marine Board, featuring a stylized boat on waves within a circular border containing the text "OREGON STATE MARINE BOARD".



*Hyak Park
Restroom
Installation*



*Reedsport's Rainbow
Plaza -Before*



*Reedsport's Rainbow Plaza
-After*

Marine Law Enforcement

- Conducted 31,778 boat inspections in 2018
- Issued 5,393 violations in 2018
- Respond to on-water emergencies
- Conduct classroom boating safety education
- Officers are skilled in operating drift, jet and propeller boats under varying water conditions



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Following the national trend of decreasing boater registrations while boating activity has increased leads to:

- Decreasing registration revenue, gas tax revenue and lower US Coast Guard grant money
- Increased demand for services and aging infrastructure



Other States

- Washington and California both have excise taxes along with registration fees
- Cost for average valued 19' boat over 12 years
 - \$2,830 in California
 - \$1,336 in Washington
 - \$771 in Oregon under proposed fees
- Money paid by boaters in other states doesn't always go back into boating services



Boat launch and boarding dock in Bellingham, WA.



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- If a fee increase is approved, new rates would be implemented starting with 2020 boat registrations.
- Models show this fee increase sustaining the agency through 2025.
- While registrations are down, boating activity continues to increase. Failure to increase fees will result program cuts to marine law enforcement and boating facility grants.



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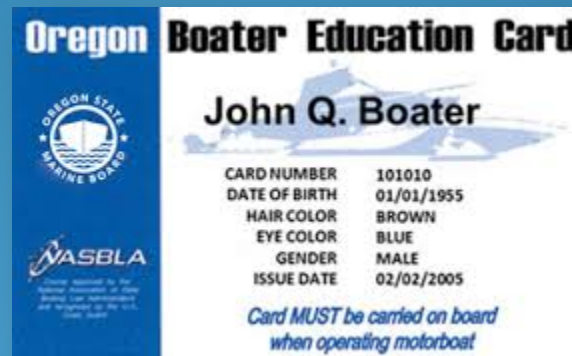
Changing the fee rates will provide revenue to fund important services to recreational boaters: marine law enforcement (32 counties and Oregon State Police); boating facility grants (for parking, restrooms, docks, piling, boat ramps, etc.) and boating safety education.



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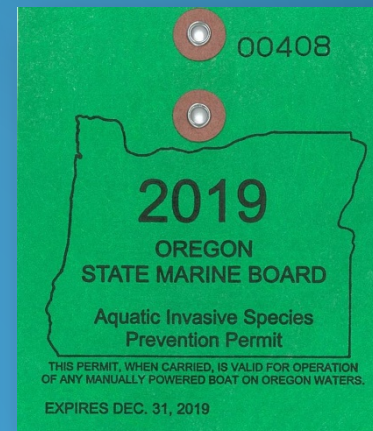
This concept proposes to increase the registration cost per foot, one-time title fee, and boater education card.

- \$5.95 per foot for motorboat registration (\$1.45 increase), \$75 new title or title transfer fee (\$25 increase), \$20 boater education card (\$10 increase)



HB 2080 Amendment

- Coast Guard has federal authority over how boats are registered
- Doesn't allow the issuance of a registration to be conditioned on another permit
- Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) fee is viewed as additional fee
- Amendment would allow us to meet US Coast Guard requirements and preserve the funding for AIS



Questions

